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CHAPTER 1

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Sleeping with Beauty

プリンセスの失恋

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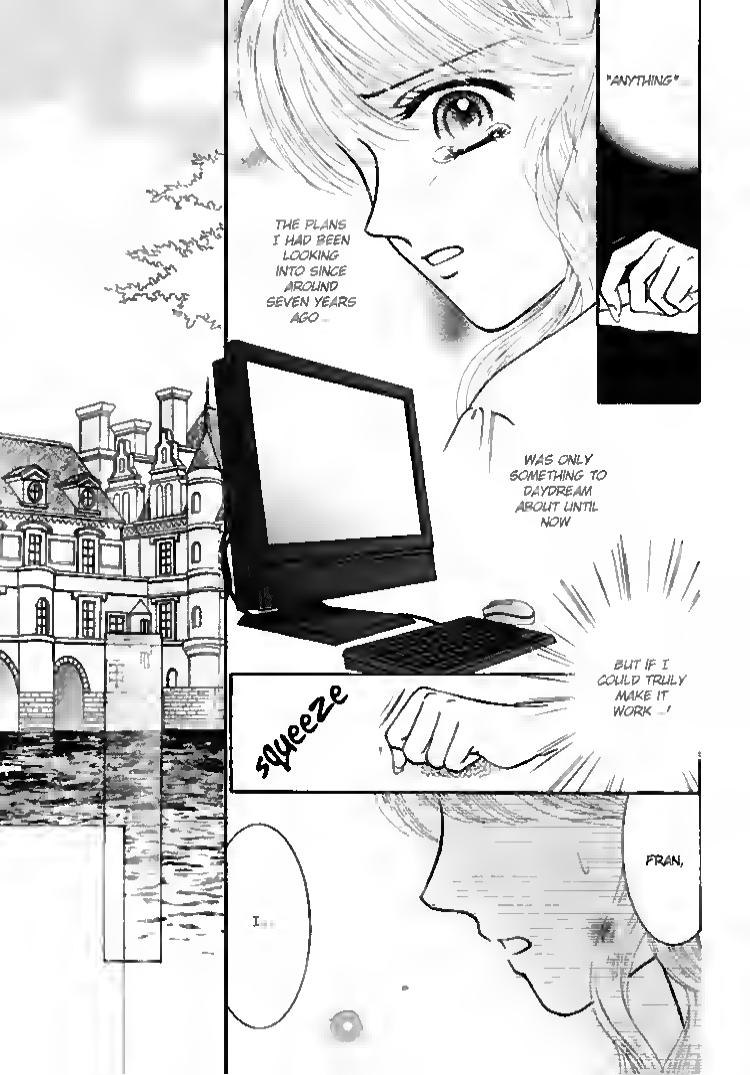
PRINCESS.
PRINCESS CATHERINE?
blinks
FLASH
FLASH
THERE WERE REPORTS THE OTHER DAY OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP?
AND WHAT OF YOURSELF, PRINCESS?
IT IS A DELIGHT TO HEAR MY SISTER-IN-LAW, AS WELL AS DEAR FRIEND FRAN IS EXPECTING!

HE'S JUST A FRIEND— NOTHING MORE!
THE FRIENDS I MADE DURING MY SCHOOLING DAYS ARE PRECIOUS TREASURES TO ME
squeeze
EVEN THE MAN?
PRINCESS CATHERINE, DURING INTERVIEWS, YOU MUST REMEMBER TO SMILE—
I—I KNOW THAT
WELL THEN, PLEASE MAKE SURE TO KEEP THAT IN MIND DURING YOUR TWO MONTH EASTERN EUROPE TRIP
TWO MONTHS?! I THOUGHT IT WAS A MONTH?!
IT'S BEEN EXTENDED TO TWO MONTHS
BUT NOT TO WORRY— WE WILL ACCOMPANY YOU ON THE TRIP

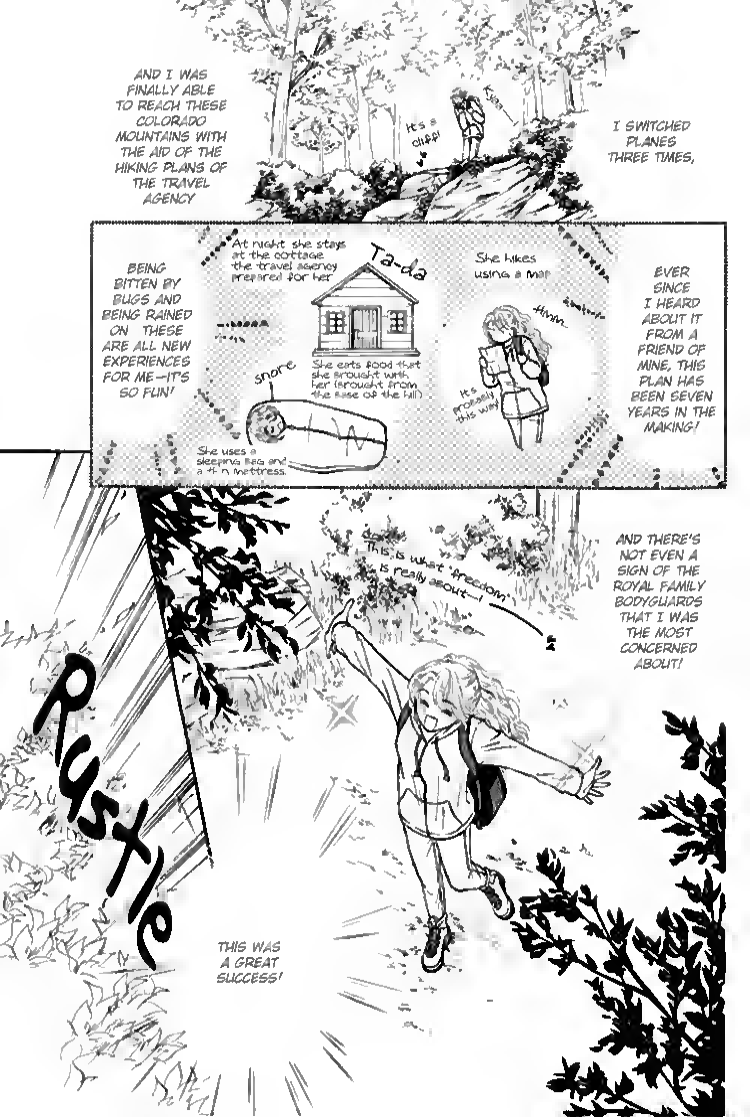
THE PRESS HAVE BEEN MUCH TOO NOSEY REGARDING YOUR PRIVATE LIFE LATELY, CATHY.
PERHAPS IT'D BE BEST NOT TO AGREE TO ANY MORE INTERVIEWS FOR A WHILE.
IT'S NO USE, FRAN.
FATHER WILL NEVER ALLOW THAT, AND IT'D ONLY ENCOURAGE THE PRESS TO BE EVEN MORE RELENTLESS.
SO I HAVE TO SPEND ANOTHER TWO MONTHS
BEING CONSTANTLY WATCHED BY BODYGUARDS...
PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT.
I REMEMBER WHAT KIND OF PRESSURE I WAS UNDER WHEN I FIRST GOT ENGAGED TO YOUR BROTHER.

I THOUGHT THAT A LIFE OF BEING CONSTANTLY SUPERVIZED BY BODYGUARDS AND BEING BOTHERED BY THE PRESS
squeeze
WAS SOMETHING THAT I WAS POWERLESS TO STOP SO LONG AS I WAS BORN A PRINCESS…
BUT I'VE JUST ABOUT REACHED MY BREAKING POINT…!
The Princess's Partner
A Former Classmate & Poor Student?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY'D WRITE UP AN INNOCENT DINNER IN SUCH A CRUDE MANNER…! HOW CAN I FACE ANY OF MY FRIENDS EVER AGAIN?
THEY WERE MY PRECIOUS FRIENDS FROM BACK WHEN I WAS A STUDENT, AND YET…
I WAS EVEN WARNED BY MY FATHER TO EXERCISE CAUTION IN MY ACTIONS…
EVEN MORE THAN I AM RIGHT NOW…?
IS WHAT I'M DOING SO TERRIBLY WRONG?

—YOU'RE RIGHT
THAT MIGHT BE A CHALLENGE AT THIS RATE
SO WHAT? I CAN'T EVEN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO MAKE FRIENDS AND FALL IN LOVE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE?
IS THERE ANYTHING THAT I CAN DO FOR YOU,
CATHY?


"ANYTHING"
THE PLANS I HAD BEEN LOOKING INTO SINCE AROUND SEVEN YEARS AGO...
WAS ONLY SOMETHING TO DAYDREAM ABOUT UNTIL NOW
BUT IF I COULD TRULY MAKE IT WORK...!
squeeze
FRAN,
I...

rustle
ha
rustle
ha
ha
THESE MOUNTAINS ARE SO UNLIKE THE MOUNTAINS OF LLANDARON THAT ARE ALWAYS SHROUDED IN FOG
I DID LET FRAN IN ON MY PLANS AND LEFT HER WITH A LETTER TO GIVE TO MY FATHER.
BUT SHE STILL SEEMED PRETTY CONCERNED ABOUT ME
Come back as soon as you can please!
ARE YOU alive?
Giggles
BUT I'M FINE!
ha
ha
ha
I REALLY AM IN AMERICA!
Ishoura
Scans


AND I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO REACH THESE COLORADO MOUNTAINS WITH THE AID OF THE HIKING PLANS OF THE TRAVEL AGENCY
It's a chipmunk!
I SWITCHED PLANES THREE TIMES,
BEING BITTEN BY BUGS AND BEING RAINED ON THESE ARE ALL NEW EXPERIENCES FOR ME—IT'S SO FUN!
At night she stays at the cottage the travel agency prepared for her
Ta-da
She eats food that she brought with her throughout from the base of the hill
snore
She uses a sleeping bag and a fold-up mattress.
She hikes using a map
Hmm
It's probably this way
EVER SINCE I HEARD ABOUT IT FROM A FRIEND OF MINE, THIS PLAN HAS BEEN SEVEN YEARS IN THE MAKING!
Rustle
This is what "freedom" is really about—!
AND THERE'S NOT EVEN A SIGN OF THE ROYAL FAMILY BODYGUARDS THAT I WAS THE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT!
THIS WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Neigh
DAMN I—
...!

THUD
slip
AH...
MY BAG...!
HEY...!
CALM DOWN, LANCON!
SO YOU'VE HURT YOUR LEG, HUH?

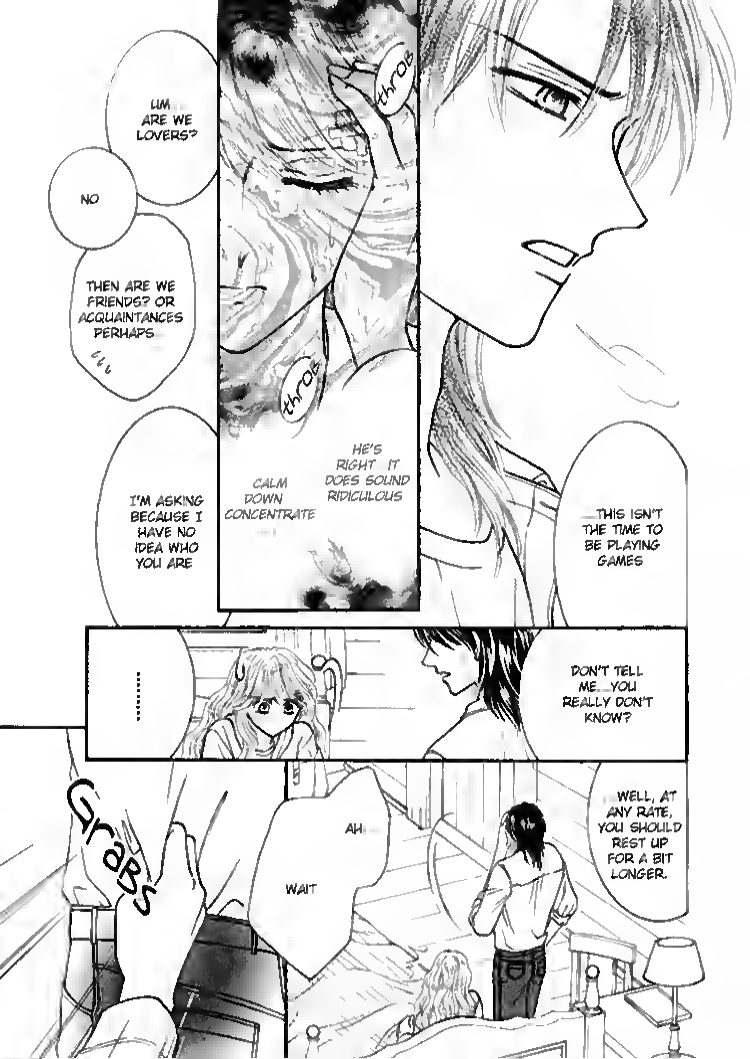
WHAT IS A WOMAN DOING ON THE MOUNTAIN TRAILS SO EARLY IN THE MORNING?
HEY ARE YOU OKAY?
SHE'S GOT A STABLE PULSE
DID SHE HURT HERSELF WHEN SHE FELL?
SWISH
blinks
SATIN-LIKE SKIN
A CUPID'S BOW SHAPED MOUTH
SHE LOOKS LIKE AN ANGEL

SNAP OUT OF IT MARSHAL DAN MASON!
SHE'S WEARING A SWEAT-SHIRT AND JEANS
SHE'S JUST YOUR TYPICAL HIKER.
BUT THE BOOTS SHE'S WEARING ARE OF THE FINEST QUALITY
IS SHE THE DAUGHTER OF A WEALTHY FAMILY?
NN... N...
I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE... I'LL HAVE TO TREAT HER AT THE COTTAGE
Clunk
HEY!
ARE YOU AWAKE? HOW DO YOU FEEL?
Out of it!

I WAS DOING MY BEST TO STEER CLEAR OF WOMEN
EVER SINCE JANICE DIED...
rustle
throb
MY HEAD HURTS...
HEY...
WAKE UP ALREADY!
throb
NO, I WANT TO SLEEP FOR A BIT LONGER.

WHO IS HE...?
Out of it——
HE'S SO HANDSOME
OW...
YOU'VE GOT A CONCUSSION. I'VE PATCHED YOUR SCRATCHES UP THE BEST I COULD.
WHO ARE YOU...?
THAT'S THE QUESTION I WANT TO ASK YOU!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME? WHERE DID YOU COME FROM? WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN THE MOUNTAINS?
THIS IS LIKE SOME KIND OF INTERROGATION!
I'M...

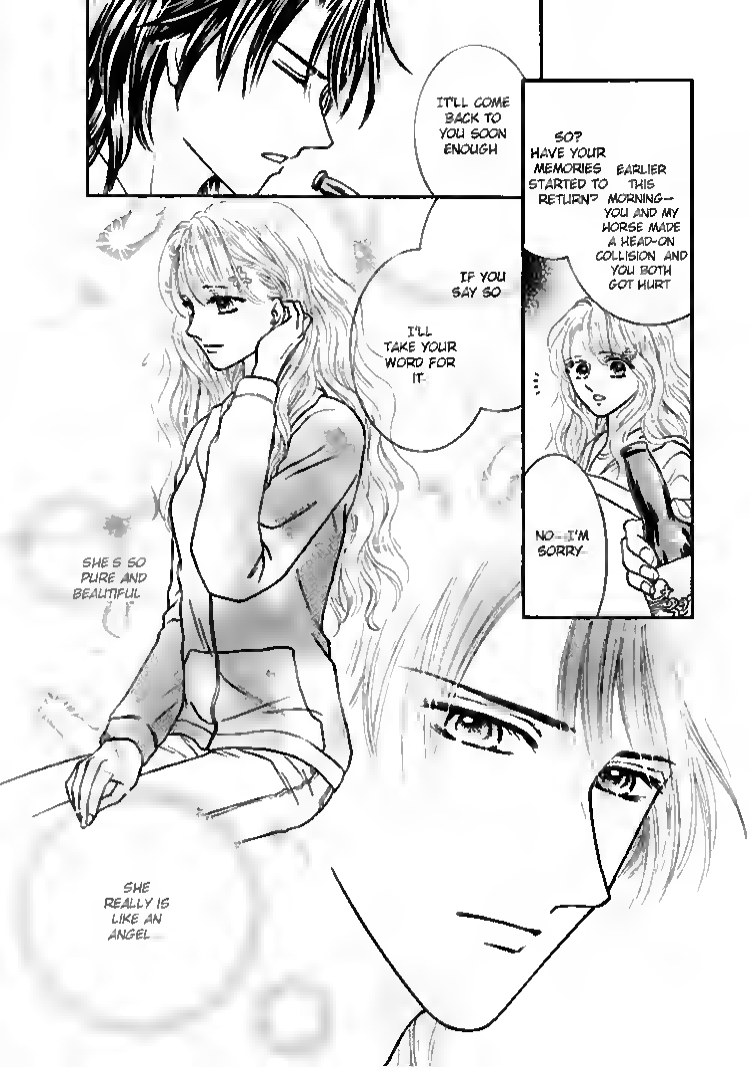
HUH?
!
.....!
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT... WAS MY NAME AGAIN?


UM... ARE WE LOVERS?
NO
THEN ARE WE FRIENDS? OR ACQUAINTANCES PERHAPS...
I'M ASKING BECAUSE I HAVE NO IDEA WHO YOU ARE
throb
throb
CALM DOWN CONCENTRATE
HE'S RIGHT IT DOES SOUND RIDICULOUS
...THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE PLAYING GAMES
DON'T TELL ME...YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW?
.....
...WELL, AT ANY RATE, YOU SHOULD REST UP FOR A BIT LONGER.
AH
WAIT
Grabs

I REALLY CAN'T REMEMBER.
WHAT COULD HAVE POSSIBLY HAPPENED TO ME FOR ME TO HAVE BECOME LIKE THIS...?
I'LL TELL YOU LATER
THEN COULD YOU AT LEAST TELL ME WHAT YOUR NAME IS...
DAN.
SLAM
OK
HE'S GONE
"DAN"
AND YOUR LAST NAME?

WHAT A TROUBLE-SOME MATTER!
I WAS GOING TO GET RID OF HER AS SOON AS SHE WOKE UP, BUT THERE'S NO WAY I CAN DO THAT NOW
SHE HAS AMNESIA?! ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
THROWS
VIOLET COLORED EYES THAT PRACTICALLY CLUNG ONTO ME
THE FEELINGS THAT I HAD SEALED AWAY FOUR YEARS AGO ARE COMING TO SURFACE
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME I WOULD'VE PREFERRED HAVING TO DEAL WITH A CRIMINAL OR SPY!

WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I— FEEL VERY UNEASY BEING BY MYSELF RIGHT NOW—
SO IF IT'S NOT TOO MUCH TROUBLE, WOULD IT BE ALL RIGHT IF I COULD BE IN THE SAME ROOM AS YOU?
DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
sits down
MY HEAD HURTS A BIT, BUT THE PAIN ISN'T TOO TERRIBLE
WELL, YOU DID HIT YOUR HEAD WHEN YOU FELL.
I FELL?! WHERE? HOW?


IT'LL COME BACK TO YOU SOON ENOUGH
SO? HAVE YOUR MEMORIES STARTED TO RETURN?
EARLIER THIS MORNING-- YOU AND MY HORSE MADE A HEAD-ON COLLISION AND YOU BOTH GOT HURT
IF YOU SAY SO
I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT
NO--I'M SORRY
SHE S SO PURE AND BEAUTIFUL
SHE REALLY IS LIKE AN ANGEL

creak
LIM ...BEFORE THAT, IF IT'S ALL RIGHT, I'D LIKE TO WASH MY FACE AND HANDS...
YOU MIGHT BE BETTER OFF JUST TAKING A SHOWER THEN.

IF SHE'S A CRIMINAL IN DISGUISE, SHE'S ONE HELL OF AN ACTRESS
ARE YOU HUNGRY?

YOU GOT A CONCUSSION JUST THIS MORNING!
IF YOU SUDDENLY GET DIZZY AND FALL AND HURT YOURSELF
I FEEL FINE NOW THOUGH...!

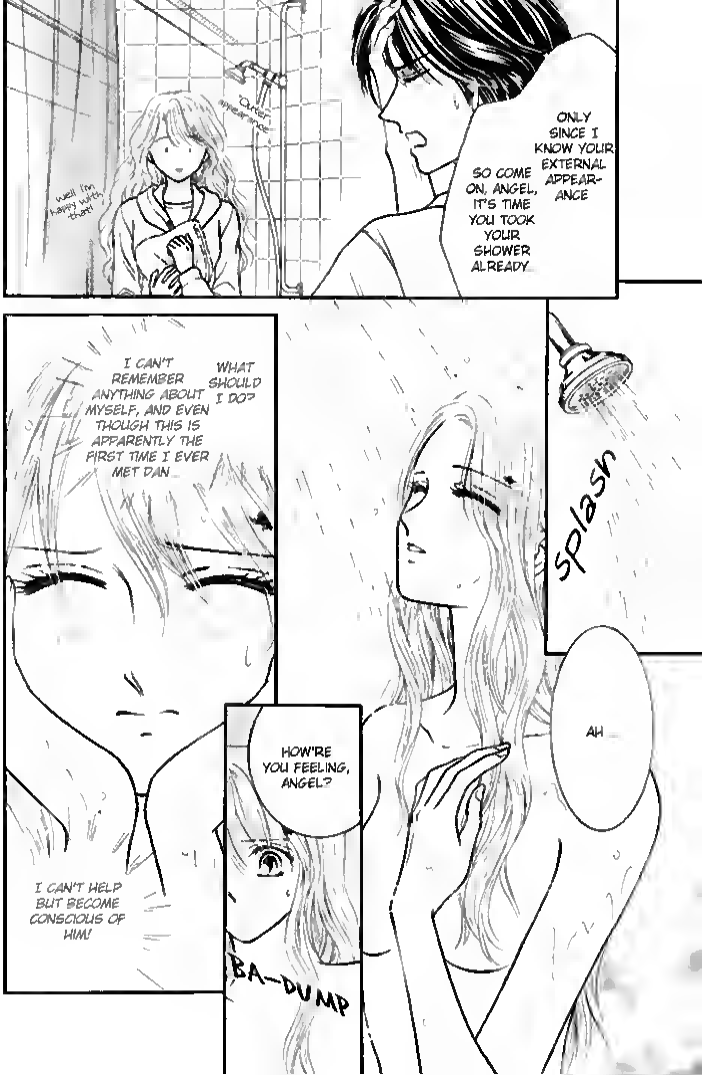
He's dead serious.
UNTIL YOU COME OUT SAFELY
YOU MUST BE JOKING!

LIM—
HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING ON STANDING THERE?

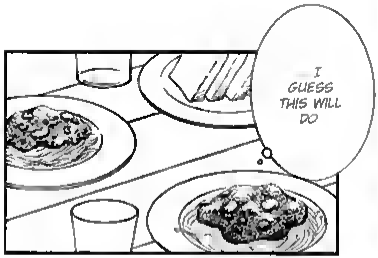
I'M JUST SAYING I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH ANY MORE HASSLES!
LISTEN UP, PRINCESS.
THE CURTAINS ARE MADE UP OF THICK FABRIC AND THEY'RE A DARK SHADE, SO IT'S NOT LIKE I'D BE ABLE TO SEE ANYTHING.
WHY DO YOU CALL ME THAT?
WHAT?
DON'T CALL ME THAT EVER AGAIN!

WHAT IS THIS?
THIS UNAPPROACHABLE ATMOSPHERE!?
WHY NOT?
IT'S JUST I DON'T LIKE IT FOR SOME REASON...
THEN WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO CALL YOU?
HOW ABOUT BEATRICE?
"BEATRICE"? THE NAME DOESN'T SUIT YOU.

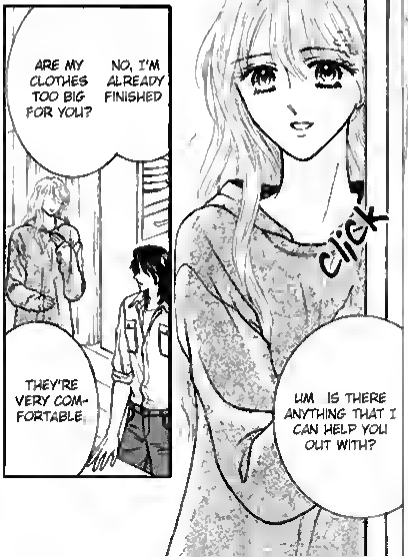
A PURE INNOCENCE AND FIERCENESS
A MYSTERIOUS WOMAN WHO'S LOST HER PAST
ANGEL —
I THINK IT'S A LOVELY NAME
A NAME THAT WOULD SUIT HER
"ANGEL"?
blinks
YOU'RE WILLING TO THINK OF ME AS AN ANGEL?


Well I'm happy with it just the way it is!
"Outer appearance"
SO COME ON, ANGEL, IT'S TIME YOU TOOK YOUR SHOWER ALREADY
ONLY SINCE I KNOW YOUR EXTERNAL APPEARANCE
I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT MYSELF, AND EVEN THOUGH THIS IS APPARENTLY THE FIRST TIME I EVER MET DAN...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
splash
AH...
HOW'RE YOU FEELING, ANGEL?
I CAN'T HELP BUT BECOME CONSCIOUS OF HIM!
BA-DUMP

BUT I WONDER IF HE'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT
HE AGREED TO STAY OUTSIDE UNTIL I TOOK OFF MY CLOTHES AND GOT INTO THE SHOWER.
YOU CAN COME IN NOW!
HE'S STUBBORN HAUGHTY, OVERPOWERING AND RESPONSIBLE
HE'S ALSO HANDSOME
ANGEL? IS EVERYTHING OKAY?!
OH I'M FINE!
AND EVEN BIT OF A ROMANTIC, SURPRISING TO SAY

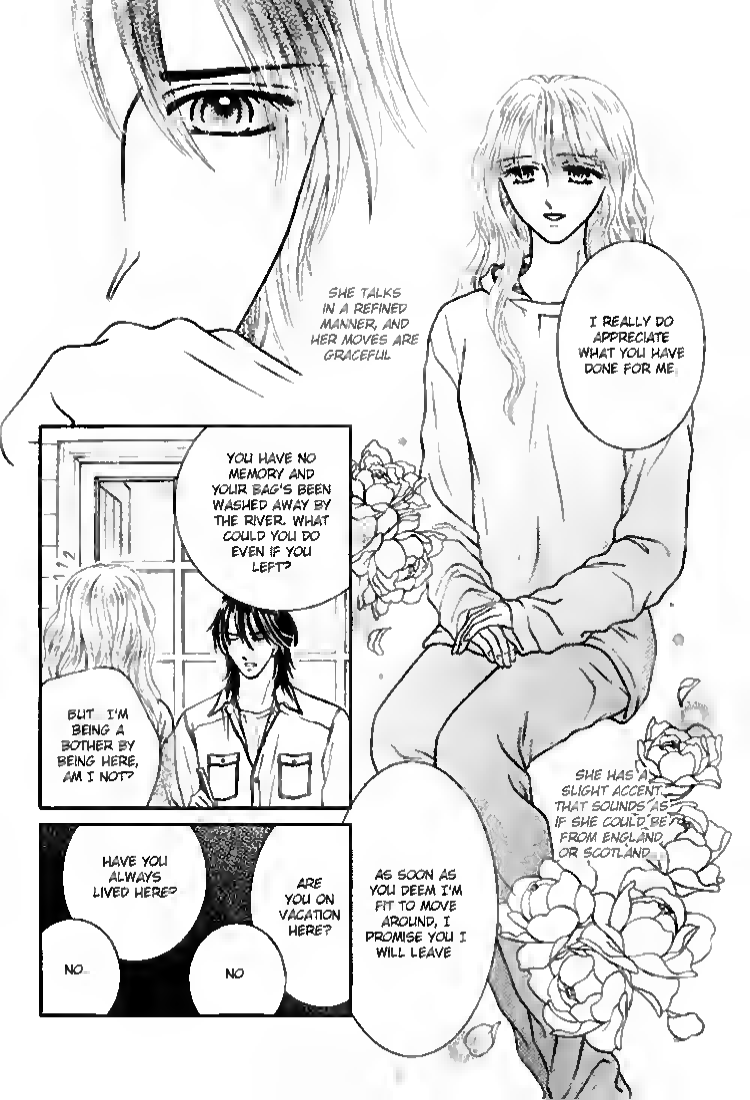

I GUESS THIS WILL DO

IN MY LIFE, I HAVEN'T HAD MUCH OF A CHANCE TO LEARN THE KINDS OF COOKING TO MAKE A WOMAN FEEL WELCOME


ARE MY CLOTHES TOO BIG FOR YOU?
NO, I'M ALREADY FINISHED
THEY'RE VERY COMFORTABLE
click
UM IS THERE ANYTHING THAT I CAN HELP YOU OUT WITH?

"ANGEL"
DAN'S VOICE SETS ME AT EASE

PERHAPS—
THE PANTS ARE A BIT TOO BIG,
BUT AS LONG AS I HOLD THEM LIKE THIS, IT'LL BE FINE
SHE'S A HIRED PERSONNEL WHOM A SUPERIOR OFFICER SENT IN
TO SNAP ME BACK TO REALITY FROM THE HERMIT-LIKE EXISTENCE I'VE BEEN LIVING AS OF LATE?
—WELL, THERE'S NO POINT IN THINKING ABOUT IT. SHE'LL ONLY BE HERE FOR ONE NIGHT
HAVE A SEAT
SMILE
I'VE BEEN LIVING THESE PAST FOUR YEARS AVOIDING THOSE KINDS OF URGES


SHE TALKS IN A REFINED MANNER, AND HER MOVES ARE GRACEFUL
I REALLY DO APPRECIATE WHAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR ME
SHE HAS A SLIGHT ACCENT THAT SOUNDS AS IF SHE COULD BE FROM ENGLAND OR SCOTLAND
YOU HAVE NO MEMORY AND YOUR BAG'S BEEN WASHED AWAY BY THE RIVER. WHAT COULD YOU DO EVEN IF YOU LEFT?
BUT I'M BEING A BOTHER BY BEING HERE, AM I NOT?
AS SOON AS YOU DEEM I'M FIT TO MOVE AROUND, I PROMISE YOU I WILL LEAVE
HAVE YOU ALWAYS LIVED HERE?
NO
ARE YOU ON VACATION HERE?
NO

clink
WHY WOULD YOU THINK THAT?
—YOU'RE PRACTICALLY ASSAULTING ME WITH QUESTIONS
OR COULD IT BE YOU'RE SOMEONE RELATED TO THE POLICE FORCE?
BECAUSE YOU SEEM VERY SUSPICIOUS OF ME
IT MAKES ME EVEN THINK THAT PERHAPS I'M A CRIMINAL AND I DON'T REMEMBER IT
WHEN YOU'VE BEEN A U S MARSHAL FOR 10 YEARS, YOU BECOME SUSPICIOUS OF EVERYONE
AND THEY DO SAY THAT ASKING ABOUT THE PASTS OF OTHERS CAN GET YOUR OWN MEMORIES OF THE PAST JOGGING
EVEN MORE SO IF YOU FIND YOURSELF DRAWN TO THAT PERSON

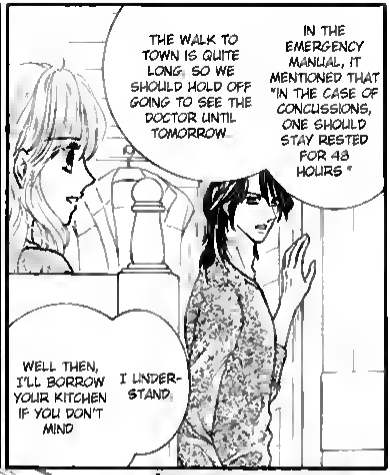
I HAVE NO PAST
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IT MEANS I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT!
WHAT A HIGH-HANDED WAY OF TALKING!
puffs up
TOMORROW WE'RE GOING DOWN TO TOWN SO A DOCTOR CAN TAKE A LOOK AT YOU
TONIGHT YOU CAN SLEEP IN MY BED
I'll sleep on the couch.
THANK YOU... FOR THE DINNER AS WELL
YOU HAVE EXCELLENT COOKING SKILLS
WHO KNOWS? YOU SHOULD ASK CHEF BOYARDEE
DID YOU USE FRESH THYME IN THE TOMATO SAUCE?
WHAT?
MY! YOU HAVE YOUR OWN PERSONAL CHEF?
No wonder it's so delicious!

MY
chuckles
YOU REALLY HAVE NO MEMORY, DO YOU?
WHAT A STRANGE WOMAN
chuckles
HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN
SINCE I LAUGHED WITHOUT MEANING TO ..?
IT'S SO BRIGHT
IT'S TIME FOR BREAKFAST

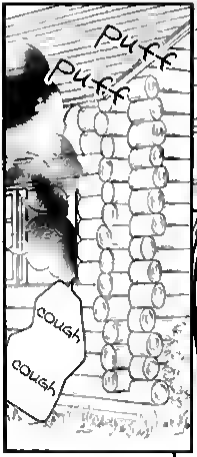
giggles
TEA
FRUITS, AND BISCUITS PLEASE
blinks
WE DON'T HAVE ANY TEA, ANGEL.
AND AS FOR BISCUITS? I'VE NEVER MADE THEM.
I MUST'VE BEEN DREAMING.
Out of it!
AND THAT'S WHY YOU TRIED TO ORDER BREAK-FAST?
IF THAT'S A DREAM OF THE PAST, MAYBE YOU HAD A MAID?
A MAID?

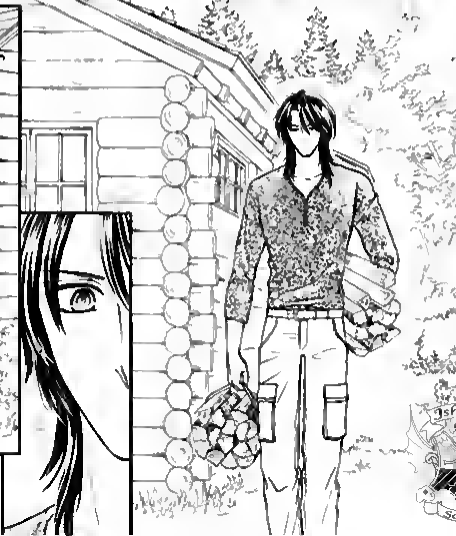
I'M THINKING YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN ELITE
NOT ONLY THAT
BUT YOUR ACCENT AND MANNER—
... COULD WE CONTINUE THIS AFTER BREAKFAST?
CAN YOU COOK?
I CAN MAKE SOME-THING
TO BE HONEST, I'M NOT SURE...
YES, OF COURSE!
BUT THE MEMORIES MIGHT COME RUSHING BACK TO ME ONCE I'M STANDING IN THE KITCHEN!
THEN I'LL GO AND CUT SOME FIREWOOD
OH RIGHT
BUT WHAT I STILL HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT IS WHAT SOMEONE LIKE THAT WOULD BE DOING BY HERSELF IN THE MOUNTAINS...
sigh
.....

YES?!
OH, AND ONE MORE THING—


IN THE EMERGENCY MANUAL, IT MENTIONED THAT "IN THE CASE OF CONCUSSIONS, ONE SHOULD STAY RESTED FOR 48 HOURS."
THE WALK TO TOWN IS QUITE LONG. SO WE SHOULD HOLD OFF GOING TO SEE THE DOCTOR UNTIL TOMORROW.
I UNDERSTAND.
WELL THEN, I'LL BORROW YOUR KITCHEN IF YOU DON'T MIND

THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS BY THE FRONT DOOR
THANK YOU


PUFF
PUFF
COUGH
COUGH



DAN~~~
flap
flap
ANGEL!
DON'T TELL ME SHE
.....
WHAT?
YOU WERE RIGHT, DAN
NO...IT DOESN'T LOOK SO BAD
cough
D-DON'T LAUGH
THEN WOULD YOU HONESTLY CONSIDER EATING IT?
chuckles
sniff...
THERE'S NO DENYING I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF COOKING

gulp
stares...
UH...
WHAT IS THIS?
gooey
smiling
ARE THESE EGG SHELLS?
crunch
crunch
tears up~
IT TASTES FINE, ANGEL
I'M TRULY SORRY
I'M GOING TO GO AND GET SOME FRESH AIR
ANGEL
GRABS
ANGEL!
WAIT UP

So that's how bacon and eggs!
THIS WASN'T SIMPLY ABOUT MAKING BACON AND EGGS!
EVERYONE MAKES MISTAKES
I HAVE NOTHING! I CAN'T REMEMBER A SINGLE THING!
MY MEMORIES
THE WORLD SEEMS SO OVERWHELMINGLY VAST—
I'M SO SCARED, DAN—

ANGEL...!
UNTIL THEN, I'LL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO MAKE SURE YOU AREN'T IN HARMS WAY, SO DON'T CRY !
WILL YOU PROMISE ME THAT !?
TOMORROW WE'LL GO INTO TOWN AND FIND OUT WHO YOU ARE

IS THE REASON WHY I'M SO PAINFULLY DRAWN TO HER AND WANT TO FEEL HER IN MY ARMS...
I, WITH MY SEALED OFF PAST,
.....
AND ANGEL WITH HER LOST PAST
BECAUSE OF THAT?

DAN ?
I THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO KISS ME
squeeze
YES , I PROMISE YOU

I WONDER WHAT I CAN DO TO FIND OUT WHETHER YOU'RE A GOOD OR BAD PERSON
DAN'S WILLING TO HELP AND PROTECT ME
BUT ALL I KNOW IS HIS FIRST NAME
HE WON'T TELL ME ANYTHING ELSE

ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME YOU WENT TO SLEEP, ANGEL?
WHY?!
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO FIND OUT
puff's up
swish
I'M NOT SLEEPY YET! I'M GOING TO READ FOR A BIT!
ANGEL!
THIS IS MY COUCH
JUST FOR A BIT!
NO!
Geez.
She didn't even read one chapter
snore

WHAT IS THIS ?!
TODAY, I'M GOING DOWN TO TOWN WITH DAN
BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAINS SHROUDED BY FOG...
Ba-dump
WILL I REALLY FIND OUT WHO I AM...?
breathes in
Gasp
IT'S NOT HERE
Ba-dump
SO WHERE ?
WHAT ?

Ba-dump
WHERE WAS THAT?
NO...!
"I WANT TO CHANGE..."
AND WHAT WAS THAT VISION...?
Ba-dump
PERHAPS MY PAST IS LONELY AND FRIGHTENING...
I'M SCARED...
IS THAT WHY I CAN'T REMEMBER?
"I'M SO LONELY..."
Ba-dump
ANGEL!
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING...

ALL I KNOW IS THAT I WISH MY TIME WITH HIM COULD CONTINUE...
I'VE PACKED FOOD AND SLEEPING BAGS SO WE'RE SET TO GO
Ba-dump
DAN... WHY DO YOU HAVE TO CARRY A GUN WITH YOU WHEN WE'RE ONLY HEADING TO TOWN...?
I ALWAYS CARRY IT WITH ME.
THIS TIME WITH THIS DANGEROUS SEXY MAN

THIS IS AMAZING, DAN!
BEFORE THAT THOUGH, I'M GOING TO GO AND WASH MY HANDS DOWN BY THE RIVER SO WAIT FOR ME, ALL RIGHT?
YOU CAUGHT FISH IN LESS THAN 20 MINUTES AND YOU EVEN FINISHED PREPARING IT.
NOW ALL THAT'S LEFT TO DO IS TO COOK THEM AND WE HAVE A FEAST!
HMM?
PERHAPS COOKING THIS WOULD BE EASIER THAN MAKING BACON AND EGGS?
GULP
dashes
rustle
SOMETHING SMELLS LIKE IT'S BURNING
AGAIN?!

KYAA~
flap
flap
ANGEL!
grabs
swish
splash

Well then
sizzle
.....
YOU WANTED TO TRY COOKING THE FISH?
THAT WAS MY PLAN...
BUT IT DISAPPEARED!
IT DISAP-PEARED?
IT TURNED INTO ASHES!
SO SHE'S TRYING TO SAY THE FISH IS THE ONE AT FAULT...?
I GUESS YOU'RE JUST NOT CUT OUT FOR COOKING
CHUCKle

rustle
depressed
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT I ONLY WANTED TO HELP...
brightens up
WHAT CAN I DO?!
I'll do my best!
rustle
THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE YOU COULD HELP ME OUT WITH... I'D SUGGEST YOU BRACE YOURSELF
—LOOKS LIKE MY BED'S GONE...

THERE WERE NUMEROUS TIMES DURING MY LINE OF WORK THAT I HAD TO HANDLE BEING IN DANGEROUS SITUATIONS
BUT THIS KIND OF TORTURE IS A FIRST...
WOW! LOOK, DAN!
THE STARS SEEM AS IF THEY'RE SO CLOSE!
I GUESS I'M NOT VERY GOOD WITH ASTRONOMY I DON'T KNOW THE NAME OF A SINGLE CONSTELLATION!
sparkle
sparkle
excited
DO YOU KNOW ANY, DAN?
I THOUGHT SHE'D HAVE NODDED OFF TO SLEEP ALREADY? I GUESS NOT
-THAT'S THE SAGITTA
OH? WHERE?
Huh,?
SEE? THERE.

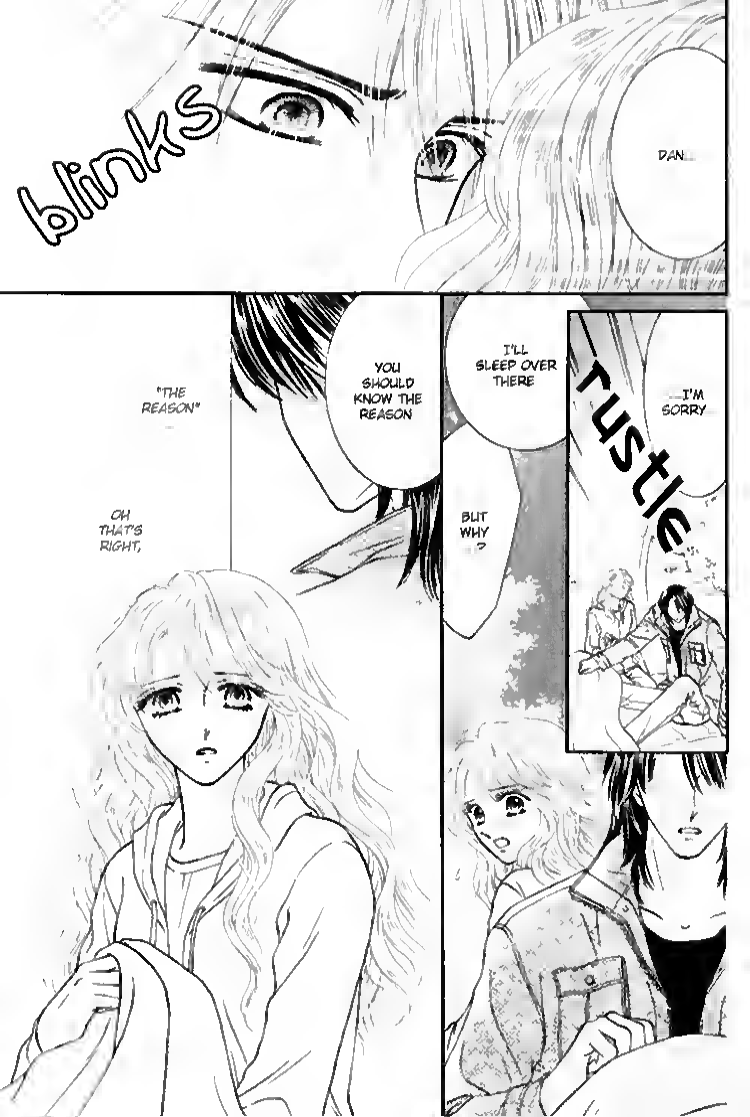
IT'S ONE TH T'S IN TWO PARTS.
THE ONE THAT CONNECTS LIKE... THIS...
THAT'S THE ARCHER
BE-BUMP
BE-BUMP
WHY DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH?
BECAUSE MY FATHER WAS AN ASTRONOMER.
"WAS"?

... I'M SORRY
BOTH MY PARENTS DIED IN AN ACCIDENT WHEN I WAS STILL A KID
SWISH
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT... YOU BETTER GET SOME SLEEP, ANGEL
WHENEVER I TRY TO ASK ABOUT HIM...
HE ALWAYS TELLS ME TO "GO TO SLEEP"...
FLASH
A LIGHT ?

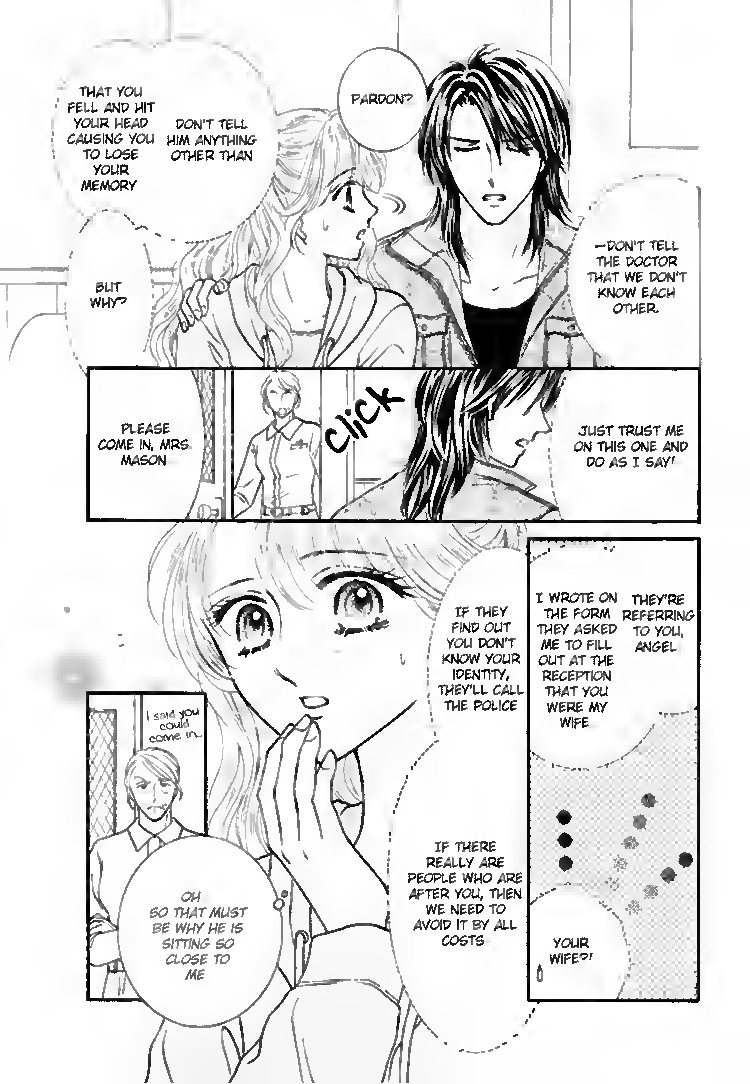
RUN! HURRY!
NO...
NOOOOOOO...!

MANY HANDS ARE TRYING TO GRAB AT ME...!
ANGEL, WHAT'S WRONG?!
LILI
WHO IS IT? CAN YOU REMEMBER?
A DREAM ?
NO, I'M SCARED
PLEASE, JUST STAY BY MY SIDE, DAN!
NO ONE'S COME TO HURT YOU.
IT'S ALL RIGHT

REALLY...?
I CAN'T REMEMBER A THING ABOUT MYSELF...
THE ONLY THING I DO KNOW...
IS THAT I'VE FALLEN FOR YOU...


blinks
DAN...
rustle
...I'M SORRY
I'LL SLEEP OVER THERE
BUT WHY ?
YOU SHOULD KNOW THE REASON
"THE REASON"
OH, THAT'S RIGHT,

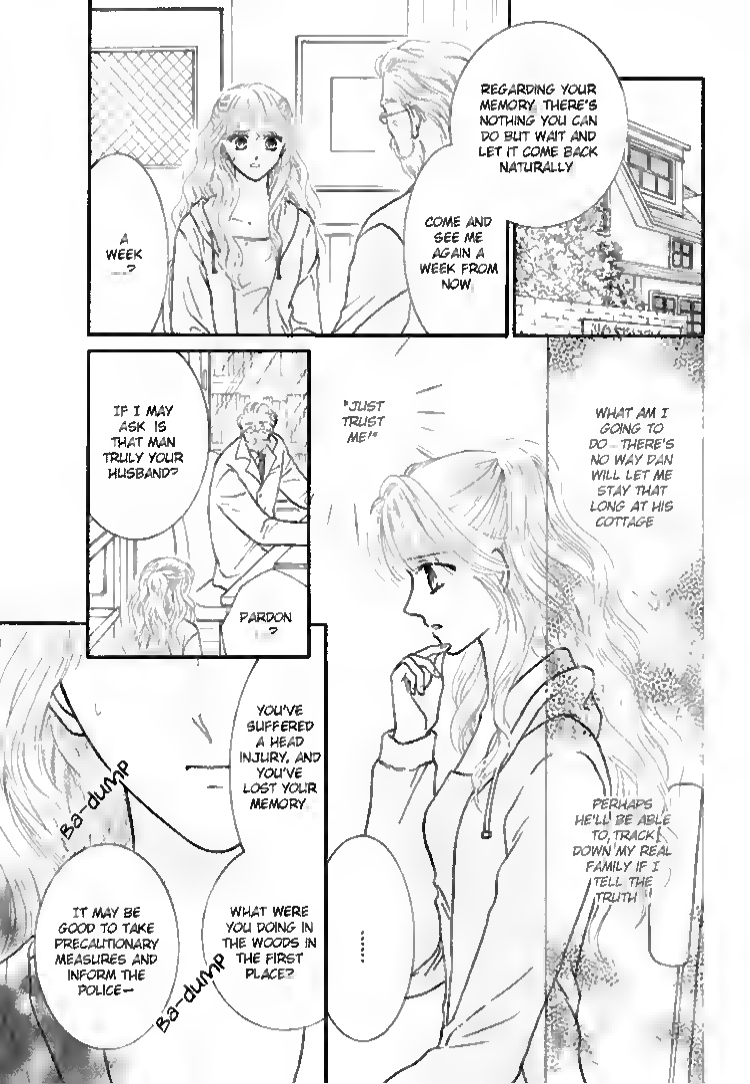
THE STATE OF COLORADO EVERGREEN
TOMORROW WILL BE OUR FAREWELL
.....
HOW CAN HE SIT SO CLOSE TO ME
AFTER WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT?
I'm happy about it but still


PARDON?
THAT YOU FELL AND HIT YOUR HEAD CAUSING YOU TO LOSE YOUR MEMORY
DON'T TELL HIM ANYTHING OTHER THAN
—DON'T TELL THE DOCTOR THAT WE DON'T KNOW EACH OTHER.
BUT WHY?
click
PLEASE COME IN, MRS. MASON
JUST TRUST ME ON THIS ONE AND DO AS I SAY!
I WROTE ON THE FORM THEY ASKED ME TO FILL OUT AT THE RECEPTION THAT YOU WERE MY WIFE
THEY'RE REFERRING TO YOU, ANGEL
IF THEY FIND OUT YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR IDENTITY, THEY'LL CALL THE POLICE
I said you could come in.
OH SO THAT MUST BE WHY HE IS SITTING SO CLOSE TO ME
IF THERE REALLY ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE AFTER YOU, THEN WE NEED TO AVOID IT BY ALL COSTS
YOUR WIFE?!

BUT I'M REALLY DISAPPOINTED THAT YOU TOLD HER YOUR LAST NAME BEFORE YOU TOLD ME
whisper
chuckles
?
ALL RIGHT?
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME, SO WHILE THEY'RE CHECKING UP ON YOU, I'M GOING TO HEAD INTO TOWN TO DO SOME SEARCHING,
ALL RIGHT
THERE AREN'T ANY MISSING POSTERS
glances
MARK'S MARKET
MARKET DAY
IT MIGHT BE DANGEROUS THOUGH, FOR ME TO GO AROUND INQUIRING ABOUT SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE
THIS PLACE MIGHT BE A GOOD PLACE TO GET SOME LEADS
creak
open
WHEN I'M AROUND HER, IT'S BECOMING ALMOST NATURAL TO LAUGH
chuckles
chuckles
Ishoseki Scarlet

EXCUSE ME MADAM,
BUT WE'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS
MY SISTER IS MISSING, AND WE'RE SEARCHING FOR HER RIGHT NOW
MY...!
DO YOU HAVE ANY RECOLLECTIONS OF SEEING THIS WOMAN?
THAT ACCENT! IT'S SIMILAR TO ANGEL'S!
AND THAT BULGE IN HIS SHOULDER— IS THAT A GUN...?
Thud
I DON'T REMEMBER HAVING SEEN A BEAUTIFUL GIRL LIKE THAT...

THEY DIDN'T GIVE OFF A GOOD VIBE
IF BY CHANCE YOU DO SEE HER, MADAM, PLEASE CONTACT US
ANGEL!
I SHOULD RELAY THE LICENSE PLATE NUMBER TO MY FBI ACQUAINTANCE,
SWISH
WHY OF COURSE
"EVERGREEN HOTEL"
Sale
CREAK
QUITE THE STRANGE ONES THEY WERE, DON'T YOU THINK?
AND MAKE SURE TO TAKE ANGEL SOMEWHERE WHERE THEY CAN'T FIND HER !
VROOM
Pi
AND THEIR LICENSE PLATE NUMBER IS


REGARDING YOUR MEMORY, THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO BUT WAIT AND LET IT COME BACK NATURALLY
COME AND SEE ME AGAIN A WEEK FROM NOW.
A WEEK...?
IF I MAY ASK, IS THAT MAN TRULY YOUR HUSBAND?
PARDON...?
"JUST TRUST ME!"
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO... THERE'S NO WAY DAN WILL LET ME STAY THAT LONG AT HIS COTTAGE
YOU'VE SUFFERED A HEAD INJURY, AND YOU'VE LOST YOUR MEMORY.
Ba-dump
IT MAY BE GOOD TO TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AND INFORM THE POLICE—
Ba-dump
WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN THE WOODS IN THE FIRST PLACE?
.....
PERHAPS HE'LL BE ABLE TO TRACK DOWN MY REAL FAMILY IF I TELL THE TRUTH

"HONEY-MOON"?!
I CAN'T BELIEVE SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD HAPPEN
WHILE WE'RE ON OUR HONEYMOON
I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT,
BUT WILL MY WIFE GET BETTER, DOCTOR?
click
DAN!
YOU MUST BE VERY SAD TO HAVE LOST THE MEMORIES YOU SHARED TOGETHER
OH, IS THAT RIGHT?
I'M SURE YOU'LL MAKE A FULL RECOVERY AS LONG AS THE BOTH OF YOU STAY WELL RESTED
chuckles
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, ANGEL?
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE NEW MEMORIES TOGETHER,

DAN, WHAT'S WRONG?
WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF TOWN AND GET BACK TO THE MOUNTAINS— AND QUICK!
THERE REALLY WERE MEN WHO WERE OUT TO TRACK YOU DOWN!

THERE WERE TWO MEN GOING AROUND TOWN SHOWING A PICTURE OF YOU
THEY HAD THE SAME ENGLISH ACCENT AS YOU
BUT... THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT THEY MIGHT BE FAMILY MEMBERS, OR PERHAPS FRIENDS—
TWO MEN DRESSED IN SUITS WEARING SUNGLASSES?!

I'M A U.S. MARSHAL!
IT'S MY JOB TO SENSE WHEN THERE'S SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS LURKING IN THE AIR!
I'M GUESSING THAT THEY'RE THE ONES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH THAT "NIGHTMARE" THAT YOU HAD...!
shudders
MY NIGHTMARE

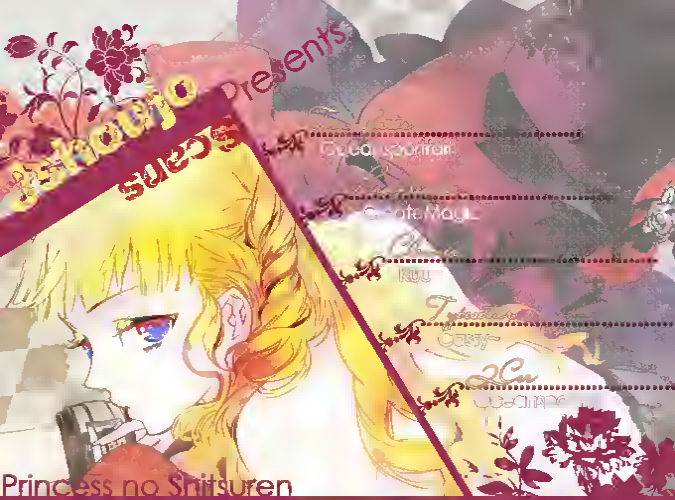
trembles
THE TWO MEN WHOM DAN SAW...
WHY IS IT THAT MY INSTINCTS ARE URGING ME TO "RUN"?
ARE YOU COLD?
NO I'M FINE
chuckles
IT'S CHEF BOYARDEE
WAS THAT PASTA SAUCE WE HAD FOR DINNER TONIGHT CHEF BOYARCEE?
DID YOU BRING IT BECAUSE I SAID IT WAS DELICIOUS?
I FIGURED THAT EVEN IF YOU DID START TRYING TO COOK AGAIN, THERE'S NO BURNING A CAN-

tickles
tickles
tickles
ONE DAY OR ANOTHER I'M GOING TO PUT IN A REQUEST FOR DINNER!
!
Giggle
chuckles
giggles
giggles
NO! I'M SOMEONE WHO ISN'T SATISFIED UNTIL SHE DOES WHAT SHE SETS OUT TO DO!
STOP THIS CHILDISHNESS!
GRABS
giggle
giggle
HA

DAN...
KISS ME
ANGEL...
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO YOU ARE...
YOU MAY VERY WELL ALREADY BE SOMEONE ELSE'S
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
I DON'T BELONG TO ANYONE.
BECAUSE TOUCHING YOU LIKE THIS...IT FEELS SO NEW,
AND I CAN FEEL WITH EVERY FIBER OF MY BEING THAT THIS IS SOMETHING I'VE NEVER DONE BEFORE.
I'M YOUR "ANGEL" ALONE--NO ONE ELSE'S.

.....!
AH—
DAN
THAT'S RIGHT—THIS IS THE FIRST TIME
MY BODY HAS EVER FELT SO WARM

!!
swish
THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE
...I DON'T HAVE PROTECTION WITH ME...
DAN...?
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY...
I'LL BE BY YOUR SIDE...
AH...



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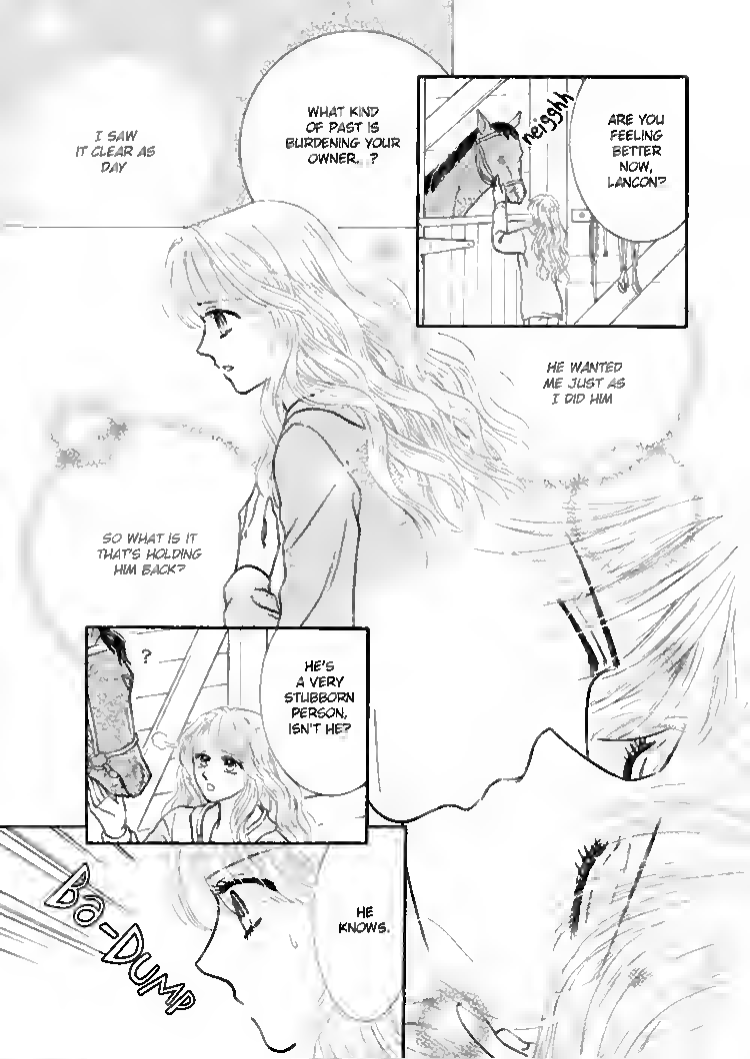
I'M SUPPOSED TO PROTECT YOU— FROM ALL
—THE NEXT DAY,
EVEN WHILE WE WERE HIKING IN THE WOODS, AND EVEN AFTER WE'D ARRIVED BACK AT THE CABIN,
IT SEEMED AS IF DAN WAS KEEPING DISTANCE FROM ME.


I SAW IT CLEAR AS DAY
WHAT KIND OF PAST IS BURDENING YOUR OWNER...?
neigghh
ARE YOU FEELING BETTER NOW, LANCON?
HE WANTED ME JUST AS I DID HIM
SO WHAT IS IT THAT'S HOLDING HIM BACK?
?
HE'S A VERY STUBBORN PERSON, ISN'T HE?
HE KNOWS.
BO-DUMP

TOMORROW, I'M GOING TO GO INTO TOWN BY MYSELF
A FBI FRIEND OF MINE WHOM I CONTACTED THINKS HE'S DRAWN UP A FEW LEADS
HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO UNCOVER THE IDENTITIES OF THOSE MEN WITH A BIT MORE TIME
DOES THAT MEAN YOU WON'T BE BACK FOR 3-4 DAYS ?
NO. SINCE LANCON SEEMS TO BE DOING BETTER, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET BACK HERE WITHIN TWO DAYS
I'LL BE LEAVING BEFORE SUNRISE TOMORROW
SO I'M GOING TO HIT THE SACK AFTER I PREPARE DINNER
OH REALLY ?

DON'T LAUGH, BONAR!
ARE YOU MAKING SURE TO TAKE NOTES?
chuckle chuckle
SURE AM SHE HAS LONG LIGHT BROWN FEATHERY HAIR,
THAT'S RIGHT!
WITH EYES THE COLOR OF AMETHYSTS, RIGHT?
WHENEVER I TALK WITH HIM, I CAN'T HELP BUT BE REMINDED OF MY POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL DAYS
NO, ANGEL'S NOT THE TYPE TO MAKE ORDE-
blinks
"ANGEL"?!
YOU MUST HAVE YOUR WORK CUT OUT FOR YOU TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH A PRINCESS LIKE THAT
SHE HAS AN ACCENT THAT SUGGESTS SHE MAY BE FROM ENGLAND OR SCOTLAND...

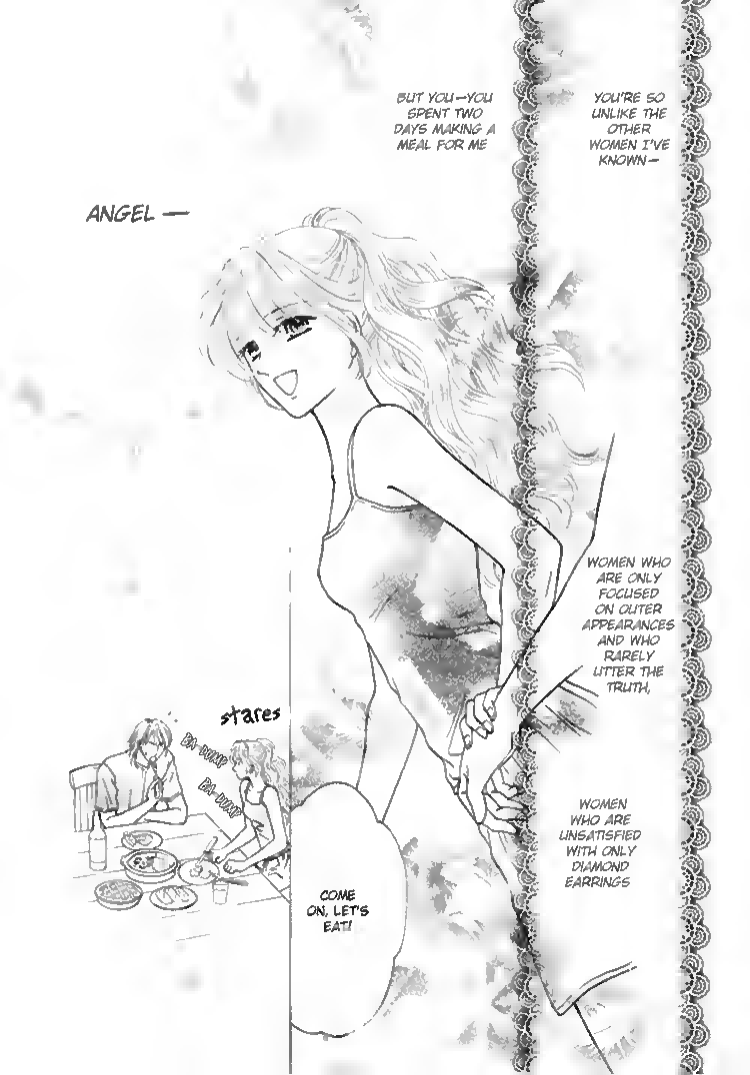
WHETHER IT BE THAT THE STUPID SON OF THE GOVERNOR LENT THE CAR TO HIS FRIENDS OR WHETHER SHE REALLY IS A CELEBRITY...
FINE
WELL, YOU BETTER GET BACK TO YOUR ANGEL THEN.
IN THE MEANTIME, I'LL TRY TO TRACK DOWN WHY THEY WERE RIDING IN A VEHICLE REGISTERED TO THE GOVERNOR
HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA
Phone
.....
I HAVE A FEELING SHE'S NOT JUST YOUR AVERAGE PERSON
NEXT, UP I SHOULD GO TO THE HOTEL TO SEE IF I CAN FIND OUT MORE
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET BACK BY TOMORROW EVENING
YEAH, THAT'S MY THOUGHT TOO
I'LL HAVE IT FIGURED OUT WITHIN TWO DAYS

ANGEL WELL GOOD THING SHE DIDN'T END UP BURNING THE COTTAGE DOWN
He's so serious
CLICK
I'M BACK.
THOSE ARE MY SHORTS
WELCOME BACK, DAN!
SO, DID YOU FIND OUT ANY-THING?
YOU WERE GONE FOR QUITE A WHILE! YOU MUST BE TIRED
Jshouju Scans

...I DIDN'T MANAGE TO GET ANY GOOD LEADS
I SHOULD SWITCH OVER TO BOXERS FROM NOW ON
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D FIND HER TO BE SO CHARMING
BUT AN ACQUAINTANCE OF MINE IS LOOKING INTO IT, SO IT SHOULDN'T TAKE MUCH LONGER
I'M SURE HE'LL BE ABLE TO TRACK DOWN YOUR FAMILY'S WHEREABOUTS
IT'S BETTER IF I DON'T GIVE HER UNNECESSARY DETAILS TO MAKE HER WORRY—
WERE THOSE TWO MEN STILL IN TOWN?
YES.
LIKE ABOUT THE CAR OR HOW THE HOTEL ROOMS OF THOSE MEN WERE RIDDLED WITH LISTENING DEVICES
IS THAT RIGHT

APPARENTLY, THEY TOLD THE PERSON AT THE PHARMACY THEY WERE LOOKING FOR A DAUGHTER, BUT AT THE BOOKSTORE, THEY SAID SHE WAS A GRAND-DAUGHTER
I WAS ABLE TO FIND THAT OUT FROM JUST HAVING LUNCH AT THE CAFE
I GUESS THEY WEREN'T AWARE OF HOW FAST WORD SPREADS IN A SMALL TOWN LIKE THAT.
WHEN WILL YOU GO TO TOWN NEXT...?
THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW GIVE OR TAKE
Brightens up
THEN WE'LL BE ABLE TO SPEND ALL DAY TOGETHER TOMORROW!
LOOK! I MADE A BACON AND SPINACH QUICHE!
HUH. THAT'S PRETTY IMPRESSIVE
NOT ONLY THAT— I DIDN'T BURN ANYTHING!

SHE'S ADORABLE
WE EVEN HAVE DESSERT!
CHERRIES
A CHERRY PIE...
DID YOU MAKE THIS?
I SURE DID!
I SPENT ALL DAY YESTERDAY PRACTICING
I BATTLED IT OUT WITH THE COOKBOOK AND I ENDED UP FAILING THREE TIMES,
BUT ON MY FOURTH TRY, I WAS ABLE TO COME OUT WITH A WINNER!
ANGEL


BUT YOU—YOU SPENT TWO DAYS MAKING A MEAL FOR ME
YOU'RE SO UNLIKE THE OTHER WOMEN I'VE KNOWN—
ANGEL —
WOMEN WHO ARE ONLY FOCUSED ON OUTER APPEARANCES AND WHO RARELY UTTER THE TRUTH,
stares
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
WOMEN WHO ARE UNSATISFIED WITH ONLY DIAMOND EARRINGS
COME ON, LET'S EAT!

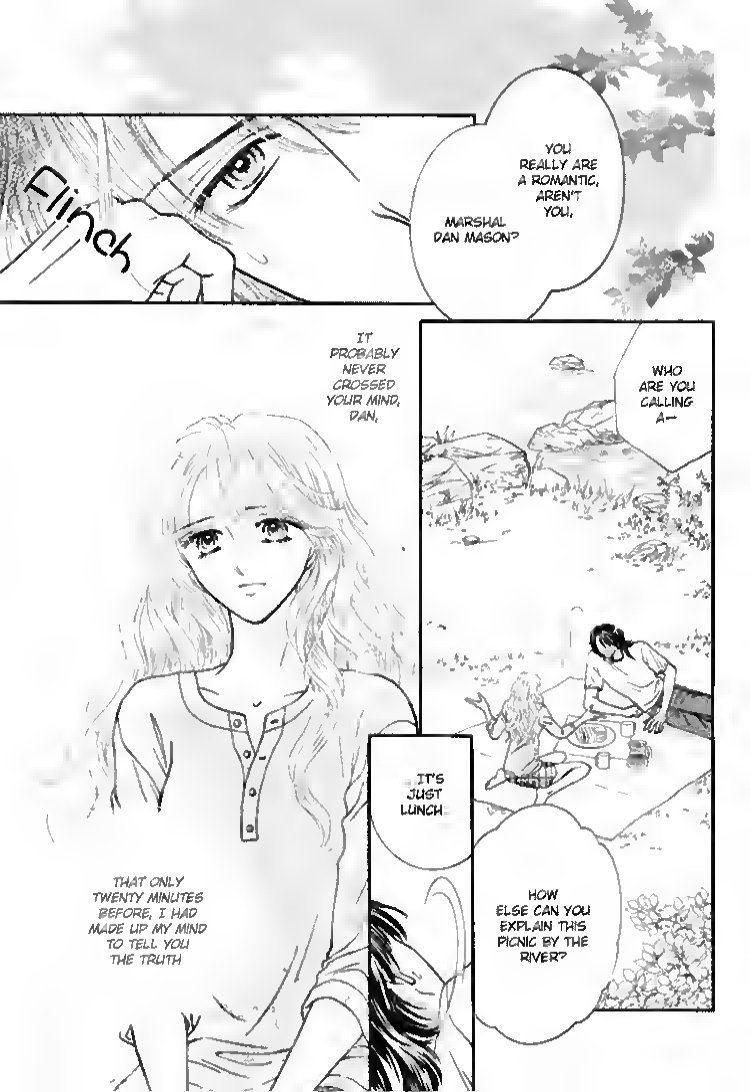
REALLY? THEN I'D LIKE A KISS!
THAT WAS A LOVELY DINNER
I WISH I HAD A BLUE RIBBON OR SOME KIND OF AWARD TO PRESENT TO YOU
CAN I HELP ?
clank clank
splash
I'M ALMOST FINISHED
click
chuckles
THAT WOULD BE MORE LIKE A REWARD FOR ME

I LOVE YOU.
I WANT TO TOUCH YOU... I WANT YOU, ANGEL!
I'VE BECOME TIRED OF PRETENDING THAT I'M NOT ATTRACTED TO YOU

YOU'RE ...!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHOM I DESIRE ...
I ... WAS WAITING FOR YOU FOR THE LONGEST TIME,
DAN ...!

CATH-ERINE
—NO.
YOUR HIGH-NESS
CATHY
I'M NOT "ANGEL"...
PLEASE, DON'T STOP...!
squeeze
AH
A LIGHT—
I CAN SEE SOMETHING...?

I'M THE ROYAL PRINCESS OF LLANDARON
—CATHERINE OLIVIA ANNE THORNE...


Flinch
YOU REALLY ARE A ROMANTIC, AREN'T YOU, MARSHAL DAN MASON?
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A—
IT PROBABLY NEVER CROSSED YOUR MIND, DAN,
IT'S JUST LUNCH
HOW ELSE CAN YOU EXPLAIN THIS PICNIC BY THE RIVER?
THAT ONLY TWENTY MINUTES BEFORE, I HAD MADE UP MY MIND TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH

I PROMISE I'LL TELL YOU THE TRUTH TOMORROW
YOU REALLY ARE A WONDERFUL COOK
THIS IS DELICIOUS
I'VE ALWAYS LIKED THESE SINCE I WAS A CHILD
ONLY WHEN IT COMES TO MAKING A BLT SANDWICH
EVEN IF IT'S NOT MY WISH
IF I TELL YOU NOW, I KNOW YOU'LL FOLLOW THROUGH WITH YOUR MISSION.
BUT I WAS SO HAPPY THAT YOU BROUGHT ME HERE FOR A PICNIC
THAT I COULDN'T SAY IT
TH..IT'S WHY...PLEASE, LET'S JUST STAY LIKE THIS FOR A BIT LONGER.

blinks
AS FOR MY BROTHER
I ALWAYS LIKED ONES WITH PEANUT BUTTER AND HONEY
ANGEL...
HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOUR MEMORIES BACK...?
ba-dump
AH...

THAT JUST CAME OUT OF MY MOUTH--
ba-dump
I DON'T KNOW
ba-dump
BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING ELSE
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
OH...
I'M SORRY--
I'M SORRY

blinks
rustle
.....
THERE'S SOMEONE OUTSIDE ?
SWISH
silence
click

EVER SINCE ANGEL CAME INTO MY LIFE,
I HAVE A FEELING THAT MY INSTINCTS TO PROTECT HAVE GOTTEN EVEN STRONGER...
Sigh
MAYBE IT'S JUST ME...?
DAN... WHAT'S WRONG?
I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT THOSE TWO MEN IN TOWN!
I HEARD SOME-THING...
MAYBE IT WAS JUST A WILD ANIMAL?
GET INSIDE!
HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM ABOUT THIS?!
BUT WHAT IF IT WASN'T?!
WHY ARE YOU HOLDING THAT...?

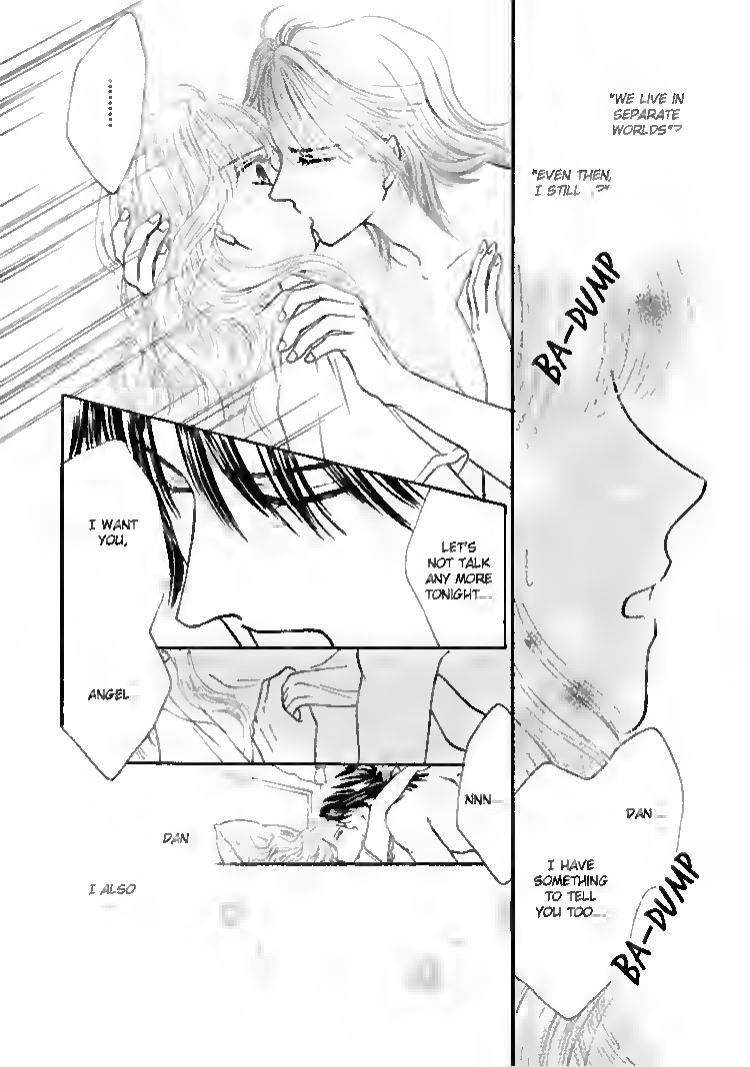
LOWER YOUR GUN.
IT'S BECAUSE...
I HAVE THIS FEELING THAT NO ONE CAN INTRUDE
IN THIS SMALL, PERFECT WORLD OF OURS.
BEING IN BED BY MYSELF IS AWFULLY COLD.

IS IT THAT I'M BECOMING UNEASY ABOUT THE THOUGHT OF LOSING HER...?
ALL RIGHT.
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE ANGEL!
HER NAME WAS JANICE— SHE WAS MY FIANCEE.
—FOUR YEARS AGO, MY PARTNER WAS KILLED
Ishouyo Scans

BUT I ENDED UP BEING WOUNDED IN THE LEG BY HIS GUN
JANICE AND I MANAGED TO CORNER THE ESCAPEE,
I'LL BE SURE TO CATCH THE MAN THAT DID THIS TO YOU
WHEN JANICE NEEDED ME MOST, I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING
JANICE...!
I COULDN'T PROTECT HER...!
DON'T WORRY WAIT FOR ME

I PURSUED HIM FOR FOUR DAYS,
AND WHEN IT CAME TIME TO ARREST HIM, I BEAT HIM WITHIN AN INCH OF HIS LIFE
BECAUSE OF THAT REASON... I WAS GIVEN AN INDEFINITE SUSPENSION
I DON'T HAVE ANY REGRETS ABOUT WHAT I DID THOUGH
...YOU MUST HAVE CARED FOR HER VERY MUCH
MY HEART DIED ALONG WITH HER THAT DAY...
...THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT,
BUT YOU--

YOU WERE THE ONE WHO BROUGHT ME BACK TO LIFE—
SO THAT'S YOUR PAST—
BA-DUMP
I HAVE TO CONFESS THE TRUTH—
BUT HOW SHOULD I TELL HIM—?
BA-DUMP
ONLY YOU, ANGEL—


.....
"WE LIVE IN SEPARATE WORLDS"?
"EVEN THEN, I STILL ...?"
BA-DUMP
I WANT YOU,
LET'S NOT TALK ANY MORE TONIGHT...
ANGEL
NNN...
DAN...
DAN
I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU TOO...
I ALSO
BA-DUMP

DAN...
CHIRP
CHIRP
SLAM
BUT I HAVEN'T HAD THE CHANCE TO TELL HIM THE TRUTH !
.....!
HAS HE ALREADY HEADED TO TOWN?!
DAN..!

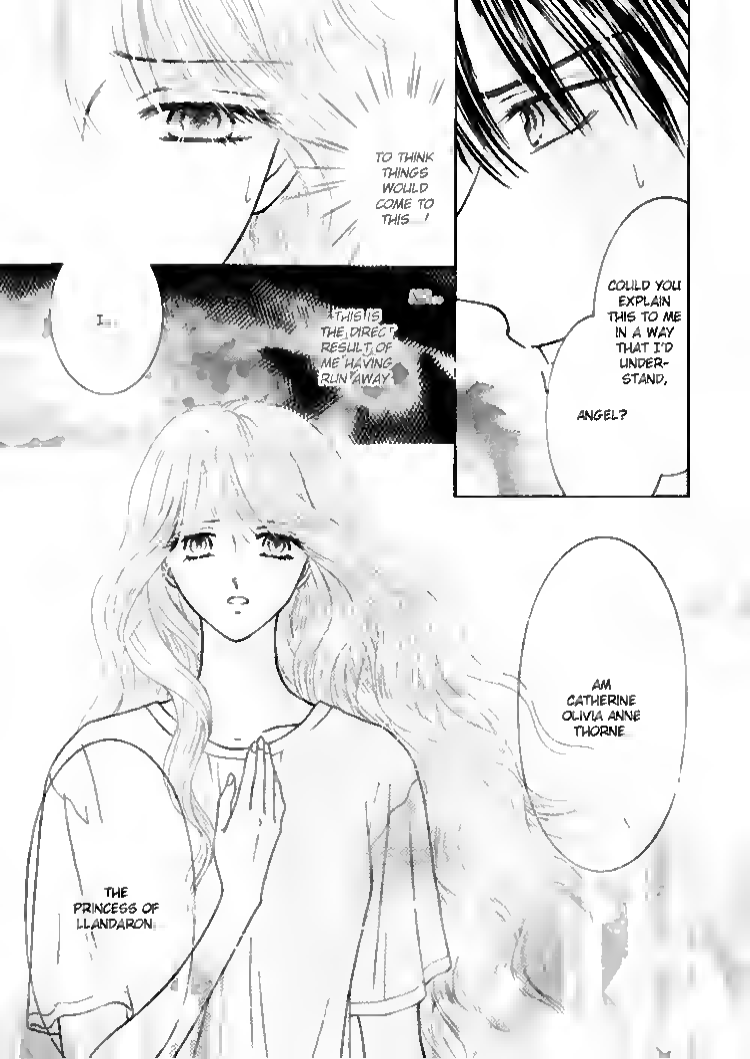
LANGON'S GONE TOO
WHY DIDN'T I TELL HIM?!
I HAD SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO DO SO...
IF HE HEARS FROM SOMEONE IN TOWN THAT I'M A PRINCESS...!
clop
rustle
DAN?!

CLOP
CLOP
CHUCKLE
IF ANY OF THE GUYS I WORKED WITH SAW ME NOW, THEY'D PROBABLY BURST OUT LAUGHING
WE'VE COME FOR YOU,
—YOUR HIGHNESS.

ONE MORE DAY... I'LL STAY IN "THE PERFECT WORLD WITH JUST THE TWO OF US"
TO THINK I'M GATHERING TOGETHER VIOLETS TO BRING A SMILE TO HER FACE WHEN SHE AWAKES...
WHAT A ROMANTIC FOOL I'VE TURNED INTO
blinks
THOSE MEN..!

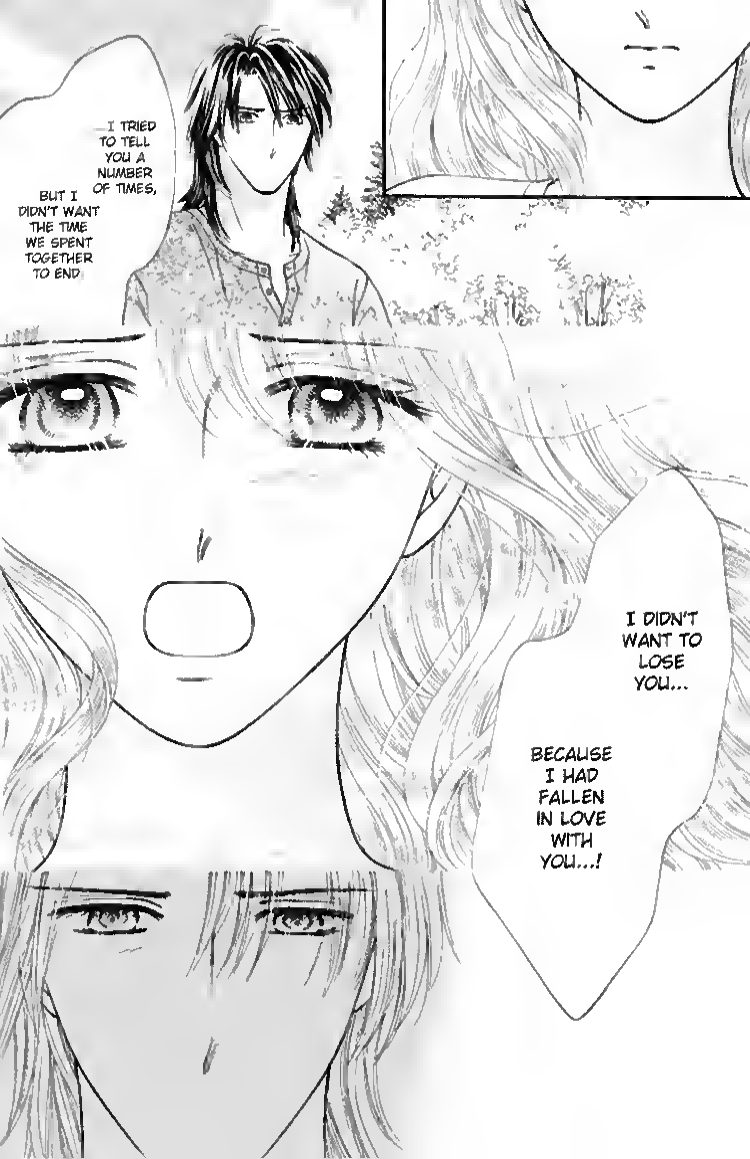
THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING ?
ARE THEY THREATENING HER TO COME WITH THEM?!
SWISH
SWISH
BACK AWAY FROM HER!
DAN..!

CALE, DON'T LAY A FINGER ON HIM!
PLEASE LOWER YOUR GUN
chunch
DON'T MOVE, ANGEL.
"YOUR HIGHNESS"?
BUT, YOUR HIGHNESS, HE TOOK YOU FOR A HOSTAGE
WHAT HE DID WAS HE SAVED ME!
"HOSTAGE"
BUT THE KING HAS CONFIRMED YOUR DISAPPEARANCE AS AN ABDUCTION
WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT—?!


TO THINK THINGS WOULD COME TO THIS...!
COULD YOU EXPLAIN THIS TO ME IN A WAY THAT I'D UNDERSTAND, ANGEL?
I...
THIS IS THE DIRECT RESULT OF ME HAVING RUN AWAY.
AM CATHERINE OLIVIA ANNE THORNE
THE PRINCESS OF LLANDARON.

I WANTED TO EXPERIENCE FREEDOM. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE,
SO I RAN AWAY FROM MY HOME AND CAME TO THESE MOUNTAINS
THESE MEN ARE MY BODYGUARDS
.....
CALE, PETER.
COULD GO GO STAND BY THOSE POPLAR TREES FOR A BIT? I'D LIKE TO TALK WITH HIM
BUT, YOUR HIGHNESS
—THAT CAN'T BE...

PLEASE.
WHEN DID YOU GET YOUR MEMORY BACK?
THE NIGHT WE CAME BACK FROM TOWN
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING?!
OR MAYBE THIS WAS A SET-UP FROM THE VERY BEGINNING?!
THAT'S NOT TRUE
SO WHAT IS THIS? A PRINCESS' IDEA OF SOME RUNAWAY GAME TO GET HER ROCKS OFF?!


I TRIED TO TELL YOU A NUMBER OF TIMES,
BUT I DIDN'T WANT THE TIME WE SPENT TOGETHER TO END.
I DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE YOU...
BECAUSE I HAD FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU...!

—SORRY TO BREAK IT TO YOU,
BUT YOU'VE LOST ME
DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE BETTER OFF GOING BACK TO YOUR KINGDOM,
PRINCESS?

clop
clop
wobble
GOODBYE
DAN —

DAMN IT...
Thud
WELCOME EVERYONE
So Sorry
I love you.
angel
THE NOTE SHE LEFT BEHIND IN THE KITCHEN...
THE WORDS SHE LEFT BEHIND CONTINUE TO RING IN MY HEART
BONAR—
I WAS PLANNING ON BUYING YOU A BEER, BUT I SEE YOU'VE ALREADY HAD PLENTY, MASON
Ishouyo Scans

SHE'S ROYALTY... DO YOU HONESTLY THINK I'M FIT TO BE WITH HER?
SO, WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING WITH OUR PRINCESS?
HAVEN'T YOU GONE TO SEE HER?
.....
YOU QUIT YOUR WORK AS A US MARSHAL AND NOW YOU'VE EVEN MOVED OUT OF THAT COTTAGE OF YOURS?
clatter
I UNDERSTAND WHY SHE LIED...
I FELT THE SAME WAY...
THE TRUTH OF THE SITUATION PAINED ME, SO I PUSHED HER AWAY...
clatter
YOU'RE RIGHT!
IN HER DESPAIR, SHE MIGHT'VE ALREADY RUN INTO THE ARMS OF A MAN "FIT TO BE WITH HER."
BUT YOU LOVE HER, DON'T YOU?
...WHAT DOES THAT MATTER.
Here

AH...
THAT'S ANGEL'S...!
flutter
clatter
SAY WHAT YOU WANT!
swish
SO WHAT? YOU'RE GOING TO RUN AWAY FROM HER AND YOUR FEELINGS AGAIN
AND MAKE THE BIGGEST MISTAKE OF YOUR LIFE?
BONAR-...

WELL PARTNER,
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO DO WITH THIS?
DO YOU MISS HIM?
WHAT?!

HE CLOSED OFF HIS HEART LIKE AN ANIMAL THAT HAS BEEN HURT MANY TIMES
BECAUSE OF ME HE
THE HIS MARSHAL WHO PROTECTED YOU!
EVERYONE'S HEARD ABOUT IT!
I was so worried about you
.....
— HE DOESN'T WANT ME THOUGH
I HAD A TALK WITH MY FATHER,
MY
AND ALTHOUGH HE DID SEEM A BIT TAKEN ABACK, HE DIDN'T TRY TO BRUSH ME ASIDE
A LIFE IN WHICH I CAN MAKE MY OWN DECISIONS
WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WISH FOR THEN?

IT SEEMS AS IF THAT COLORADO LOVER OF YOURS HAS UNCOVERED A NEW SIDE TO YOU
YOU'RE POSITIVELY GLOWING RIGHT NOW
DAN..

TODAY'S PARTY IS ONE IN WHICH I SPEAK WITH THE GOVERNOR REGARDING LOW-INCOME HOUSING
ALSO
SWISH!

giggles
"IT'S MY JOB!"
THAT'S RIGHT THIS IS MY PRECIOUS WORK
KNOCK KNOCK
Click
IS IT TIME ALREADY, CALE?

I'VE COME FOR YOU,
AM I
IN A DREAM ?
PRINCESS.

THIS ISN'T A DREAM.
I MET AND TOLD YOUR FATHER... HIS MAJESTY, EVERYTHING
ABOUT MY PAST, AND THE REASONS BEHIND WHY I WAS LIVING IN A COTTAGE IN THE WOODS
BUT THAT'S...
I SWORE TO YOU THAT I'D BE BY YOUR SIDE, DID I NOT?
I ALSO TOLD HIM THAT I WAS AWARE THAT RIGHT NOW, I'M NOT SOMEONE FIT TO BE WITH YOU...
IT'S THE TRUTH!

THAT'S WHY I'VE SUBMITTED MY APPLICATION
AND YOUR TITLES OR NAME DOESN'T MATTER.
THAT I LOVE YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART,
I COULDN'T ACCEPT THEM— ON THE CONTRARY, I PUSHED YOU AWAY
WHEN I WAS POINTED OUT OUR DIFFERENCES,
WHAT ?
I WAS ASHAMED BY WHAT I HAD DONE...
—BUT I'VE REALIZED
TO SERVE AS THE ROYAL GUARD—TO SERVE AS YOUR BODYGUARD
WHAT... DID HE JUST SAY—?

I LOVE YOU.
I WANT TO PROTECT YOU FOREVER...
I WANT A FUTURE WITH YOU...!
MARRY ME, ANGEL...!

I WANT A FUTURE WITH YOU AS WELL...!
I LOVE YOU, DAN.
THAT NO ONE CAN DECIDE FOR US.
A FUTURE THAT WE'LL PAVE
END
That's okay
I BROUGHT A YEAR'S WORTH OF CHEF BOYARDEE WITH ME.
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YOU DON'T MIND
HAVING A WIFE LIKE ME WHO CAN'T COOK IF HER LIFE DEPENDED ON IT —?
HOW WONDERFUL!